**Title:** Reference made to the passing away of Shrimati Malti Devi (12th Lok Sabha) on 6th September, 1999.

11.02 hrs.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon"ble Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of one of our former colleagues, Shrimati Malti Devi.

Shrimati Malti Devi was a Member of Twelfth Lok Sabha representing Nawada Parliamentary Constituency of Bihar during 1998-99.

Earlier, she was a Member of Bihar Legislative Assembly during 1995-98.

An able parliamentarian, Shrimati Malti Devi was a member of the Committee on Urban and Rural Development. She was also a member of the Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

An agriculturist by profession, Shrimati Malti Devi was a well known political and social worker. She worked relentlessly for the upliftment of landless farmers and tribals in Central and South Bihar. She took special initiative in raising issues concerning the downtrodden.

Shrimati Malti Devi passed away on 6 September 1999 at Delhi at the age of 31.

We deeply mourn the loss of this friend and I am sure the House will join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved family.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the departed soul.

11.03 hrs. (The Members then stood in silence for a short while.)

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